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Re: **S. AKIYAMA et al - U.S. Serial Appln. No. 10/790,880**  
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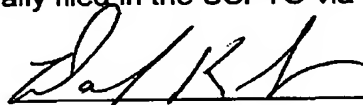
**SUBMISSION of RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the attached paper entitled, "RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (1 pg.)" in the above-identified application.

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION:**

I hereby certify that the attached paper entitled "RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (1 page)" is being formally filed in the USPTO via Facsimile No. 571-273-8300 on 21 December 2006.

  
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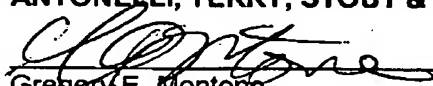
Sir:

In reply to the Office Action, dated November 21, 2006, applicants hereby elect the Group I claims 1-12 and 18-19, drawn to a plurality of memory banks, *without traverse*.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Dep. Acct. No. 01-2135 (500.43581X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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